वहां पर बिजली उत्पन्न होती हैं, तो ये सब कटेंट्स भी इसमें पड़े हैं,तो इनके बारे में भी सोचा जाए और निश्चित पालिसी तय करके पूरे देश की पावर प्रोडक्शन प्लानिंग, पावर जनरेशन प्लानिंग इस तरह से बनाई जाए और ट्रांसमिशन व डिस्ट्रिब्यूशन लाइन पावर ग्रिड के जरिए ऐसे की जाएं जिससे कि हम हर स्टेट को उसको जरूरियत के मुताबिक बिजली दें सकें।

आज परिस्थिति यह हैं कि इस्टर्न स्टेट्स में पावर उपलब्ध हैं और हम वेस्टर्न स्टेट्स को नहीं दे पाते, सदन स्टेट्स को नहीं दे पाते। अगर प्रापॅर पॉवर डिस्ट्रब्यूशन सिस्टम डेवलप किया जाएगा तो जो सरप्लस पावर हैं, उसका भी हम यूटिलाइजेशन कर सकेंगे।

तो मैंने यह दो-चार मुद्दे आपके जरिए विचार के लिए रखे हैं और मैं समझती हूं कि मंत्री जी इनका जवाब देंगे। आपने मुझे बोलने का मौका दिया, उसके लिए बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES): Now I will call Mr. Parag Chalilia. Just one Minute. The Railway Minister wants to say something.

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान) : सर, मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि रेलवे एप्रोप्रिएशन बिल पर चर्चा आज होगी या कल?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES): Hon, Minister, there is a suggestion that certain Members want to speak. They are not here, for example, Chavan Sahib. We will have it tomorrow. You can move the Bill today. If there is time we can resimie the debate or we can discuss it tomorrow. *{Interruptions)*... The hon. Minister has some other engagement. He is taking the permissaoi^ of the Chair to move the Bill. We can discuss \i tomorrow. He has a meeting. He has to go.. He can move it today. We can discuss It tomorrow.

THE APPROPRIATION (RAILWAYS) No. 4 BILL, 1997

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I beg to move:

> 'That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain fur ther sums from and out of the CooiOiiuateu Funa oi India lor the services bf the financial year 1997-98 for the purposes of Railways, as passed by the LoJc Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The question was proposed.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JOHN F. FERN ANDES): I think we can debate it tomorrow.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ' AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLL^NT- ARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATl AYAN- THI NATARAJAN); Sir, I seek your indulgence. The Minister has agreed be- cause the hen, Chavan Sahib is parti- cnlar. I would like the House to conSi- der all the three Bilb, the Appropriation (Railways) No. 4 Bill, the General Budget Appropriation Bill and the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Bill. Could you please mention that we have to pass the three Bills tomorrow? The Members should co-operate with minimum discussion. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES): I cannot give amy direction to the House. It is for the HouSe to decide.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARA JAN: I am only asking you, Sir, to convey to the Members.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES): They will be p if the House so desires. Without putting any pre-condition on your salaries and allowances we can pass these Bills. That is the assurance which the Minister is asking for. *{Interruptions)*..

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARA: IAN: What is this? I am only teques-ttng. (Interruptions).. There is a limit to this. *(Interruptions)*.. What is this? It is only a request. *{interruptions)* .

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES): It is only a request [rom the Government.

SHRIMATl JAYANTHI NATARA-JAN: Please understand the.. *{Interruptions)* ...

THE VICE-CHAIRxMAN (SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES); Mr. Meena, please sit down.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARA-JAN: Mr. Bhatt, Shri S. B. Chavan: sent for me. Don't make these allegations. *(Interruptions)* MR. CHAVAN sent for n>e- I have got a written letter from Shri Chavan.

SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT (Gujarat): My point is. . . *(Interruptions)* ...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATAliA-JAN: I have got a written note from Shri Chavan. Don't make these allegations. Mr. Bhatt, don't caste aspersions. I have .got a written letter from Shri Chavan. *(Interruptions)* .

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES): It is appropriate for the Government to make a request to the Chair. I have to put it to the House. It is for the House to decide. It is only a suggestion from the Parliamentary Affairs Minister. Now the Railway Minister can go. We will i-esiimei the discussion on the Calling AWsnlion Motion.

Caning Attention to matter of urgent Poblic Iinportnnc&—Power Crisis in the country—(Contd).

SHRI PARAG CHALIHA (ASSAM): Sir, I represent one of the most, if not the most, neglected regions in the country, i.e. the north-eastern region. Although Assam possesses enormous potentialities and the Brahmaputra river in Assam haj enormous potentialities for production of power, Assam still lags behind in setting up power projects and in generating power even at the fag-end of this year.

I had an opportunity to meet the previous Minister of Power in respect of one particular power project known as Anguri power project. The foundation of this project was laid in 1986. But nothing whatsoever has been done so far. We can see one thing which has been do-iie and that is the basic infrastructure which was added was shifted from there. In these 11 years nothing has been done. We are given to understand that the NTPC is preparing for doing something tangible about this particular project. Will the hon. Minister tell us categorically what will be the fate of the Anguri project the foundation of which was laid in 1986? Our information is that some countries including China are very much interested in doing something for ipower generation in the north-eastern region. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether any ^uch proposal has come. If so. what are its details?

As has been stated earlier, the outlay in the 9th Plan for power generation in Assam or in the north-eastern region is yet to be finalised. Duriag the last visit of the Prime Minister to thig area we were given to understand" that the Anguri project will be taken up in the 9th Plan. Sir. you will be surprised to know that ASsam is the only State where in all the District Headquarters including the State Headquarters. Guwahat! people are suffering from power shortage for three timeg or four times eveiyday and that too for more than one hon-. It will appear to he a story. But it Is certainly not a story.

It is our everyday experience. Will the hon. Minister take some positive steps for the development of the north